

Stock Owners Warned

Against Impostors

Foot-and-Mouth Disease Brings to the Front Pretended Inspectors and Peddlers of Quack Remedies.

Washington, D. C.—Reports are now beginning to come in to the Department of Agriculture from several of the states quarantined for the foot-and-mouth disease that persons who have no connection whatsoever with the department are attempting to pass themselves off as federal inspectors. There are several possible motives that might account for the existence of these impostors. In the outbreak of 1908 there were instances of men who obtained money from credulous victims who believed that in this way they would escape the inconvenience of quarantine and disinfection. This is, of course, a very simple form of extortion. Another motive may be the sale of some quack remedy for the disease.

Stock owners can protect themselves very easily against this fraud, for there is no specific remedy for the foot-and-mouth disease. Since the germ has never been isolated, it has never been possible as yet to find any serum that would act either as a cure or preventive, and the public may be quite certain that any one who says that he is an employee of the Department of Agriculture, and at the same time attempts to sell, or even recommend anything of the sort, is simply an impostor. For this reason, stock owners are warned not to allow strangers to visit their stock or attempt any demonstrations of so-called cures by injections or otherwise.

There is, moreover, very great danger that such people might disseminate the disease. It is a well-known fact that the germs can be carried on clothing. In infected territory, therefore, it is quite possible that a man

who has come in contact with stricken animals may bring the disease to a perfectly healthy herd. Then also accounts for much of the spread of hog cholera.

The department therefore recommends all farmers to keep their animals from contact with all save those who have definite business with them.

M.A.C. INSTITUTES TO START DEC. 1.

Prof. Baldwin Announces List of Towns to Have One Week Schools.

East Lansing—Professor R. A. Baldwin, of the extension department of the Michigan Agricultural college, has announced the complete list of towns to have one week schools in agriculture and home economics during the coming winter. Eight regular instructors will be available for the work, including R. A. Raven, A. R. Potts, O. K. White, I. F. Pickford, C. L. Brady, E. I. Grouer, J. W. Weston, O. E. Robey and Miss Pauline Roven, who will take personal charge of the home economics schools. In addition these instructors will be assisted by the county agents and such college instructors as can be spared from the regular college work.

The first school will be held at Manotowish and the others will follow in order: Fremont, Battle Creek, Frontier, Plainwell, Boyne City, Bennington, Church, St. Johns, Bad Axe, Port Huron, Cresswell, Hillsdale, Northport, Suttons Bay, Plymouth, East Jordan, Quincy, Fremont, Coldwater, Bronson, Bellevue, Blissfield, Durand, Caledonia, Jasper, Pennville, Otsego, Waterford, Dowagiac, Marshall, Pittsford, Millsburg, Escanaba, Algonquin, North Adams, Iron Mountain, Hartlow, Lake City, Ray Center, Davis, Three Rivers, South Haven, Buckley, Bangor, Hudson and Sturgis. In addition to this 45 institutes, five others are being arranged for. The number of schools this year exceeds all previous records and is largely due to the co-operation of the Granges, Farmers' clubs, and high schools teaching agriculture.

COST MORE TO MAKE A DOCTOR THAN ANY OTHER PROFESSION IN STATE

Ann Arbor—It costs more money to make a doctor today than it ever did before in the history of the world. The public itself is to blame, for it demands not only almost supernatural ability in a physician, but it also demands that he be cultured, as well as skilled in medical and surgical science. However, it must be admitted that the public is benefited, even if it does cost an additional amount each year to turn out a doctor.

The most expensive department in the university is the department of medicine and surgery, and it's one of the smaller departments. It is in this department that the cost exceeds many times the income of the department. According to figures just secured by Secretary Smith for the Carnegie Foundation, it cost the medical department of the University of Michigan just \$129,953.04 to educate 386 would-be physicians for the year 1913, 1914. In the same length of time it cost the Homeopathic department \$119,924.45 for its 78 students.

The students of the medical department paid, during that year, in tuition and laboratory fees, \$38,108, while the Homeopaths paid for the same purpose and time, \$4,700.

The work in the first two years of each school is the same and is given by the same faculty and at the same time.

Lansing—Governor Ferris has honored requisition papers from Minnesota for the return of Albert Barrett, escaped prisoner from the reformatory at St. Cloud, Minn., who is a resident of Detroit.

Kalamazoo—While he was fishing through the ice in Washington Peter VanZee, 49, who left Kalamazoo some time ago to reside in the west, was drowned. The body will be brought here for burial.

Michigan Is Proud Of Her Dairy Herds



A Holstein dairy herd at Fremont, Mich. Joseph Gerber, one of the directors of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, is a breeder of Holstein cattle. He is very proud of the herd which he has upon his farm on the outskirts of Fremont.

State Blind Schools May Be Merged

Lansing—The Michigan employment institution for the blind at Saginaw has filed its bi-annual report with Governor Ferris.

The report shows the per capita cost to be less than in former years, despite the higher cost of living. With an attendance of 91 men and 53 girls for the past year the per capita cost was \$282.02, as compared to \$304.44 for 1913. The institution's attendance is increasing. The report shows a growth of from 46 men and five girls to the present attendance. Broom-

making is found to be the most profitable industry for the inmates, many of whom, aside from paying for their board and clothes, make as high as \$30 a month for themselves. There are many expert blind broom-makers in the institution.

The state is asked for an appropriation of \$30,150 for 1915 and an equal amount for 1916.

There has been some talk of late about combining this institution with the school for the blind at Lansing. From reports current here an effort will be made in the coming legislature to make such a merger.

War Will Bring Many Immigrants

Hardly Probable That There Will Be a New Record, However—Senate May Not Pass the Literacy Bill.

A decrease in immigration during the war and then a tremendous influx of men, women and children from war-ridden, devastated countries of Europe is the view which government officials take of the immigrant situation during and after hostilities in Europe.

Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, when asked how the war would affect the influx of Europeans to this country, said that he believed that immigration, which has averaged 90,000 a month, would fall off greatly during the war. The war will cause business depression in Europe, he believes, and, as times will be hard, many will emigrate to this country when they are relieved of military service.

The commissioner general also pointed out that many foreigners will return to their native countries if they can, and they may be expected to return at the end of hostilities. Though he expects increased immigration, he is not sure that the tide will exceed that of several years since 1900.

"I am not sure," said Caminetti, "whether, after the war, the volume of immigration will be greater than that of the six banner years since 1900. Since 1820, when this country began to make immigration records, there have been just six years when the number of immigrants passing through our ports exceeded 1,000,000."

"As is generally known, 1907 was the banner year, and the fiscal year which has just closed was the next highest. In 1907 there were 1,285,349 aliens who were admitted. Last year the number of immigrants admitted exceeded 1,218,000. The other years when immigration ranged from 1,000,000 to 1,198,000 were 1905, 1906, 1910 and 1913."

"I estimate that the ships last year could have accommodated 33 per cent more immigrants than were admitted to this country. I do not know that even with a quickened flow of people to our ports, however, at the end of the war that immigration will reach the maximum. The resumption of commerce and agriculture in Europe may mean an increased demand for laborers, which will keep a great number of people at home who other-

wise might come to America in case of foreign depression." Because of the decrease in immigration it is regarded doubtful whether the senate will pass the bill now pending and designed to regulate the immigration of aliens. The bill provides for the literacy test for all persons 16 years or older.

MICHIGAN MAY HAVE NEW INDUSTRY FOR STATE

Saginaw Man Discovers Secret By Experimenting.

Lansing—Through the efforts of the public domain commission Michigan may soon have a new industry that will rival the sugar beet or any of the present industries.

Michigan now operates at Belding one of the largest silk mills in the country, yet the product from which the silk is manufactured has to be brought into the state.

Whether Sidney Smith Boyce of Saginaw has discovered the secret that will give to Michigan the chance to grow its own product for the manufacture of silk is the question which A. C. Carton of the public domain commission is trying to answer.

Mr. Boyce says he is too far along in years to carry out the work of conducting experiments that he has been years at, but desires that some one take up the work.

FARM PRODUCE BRINGS EXTRA GOOD PRICES.

Washington—Although preliminary estimates of crop production this year indicate that the aggregate per acre yields of all crops will be about 9.4 per cent larger than last year's yield and about 2.3 per cent larger than their 10-year average they will be smaller by nearly 5 per cent than the 1912 record yields according to the department of agriculture today.

The total production of corn this year, it is estimated will be about 10.6 per cent larger than that of last year; the wheat crop 16.8 per cent; oats 1.66 per cent; barley 10.3 per cent; buckwheat 23.1 per cent; potatoes 22.6 per cent; hay 7 per cent, and sugar beets 9 per cent smaller.

Notwithstanding increased production prices which producers are receiving for grain crops are somewhat higher than received from last year's crops. There has been, however, a decline in the prices received for apples and potatoes.

GOVERNOR FERRIS NAMES ROAD COMMISSIONER TO LOOK OVER LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Lansing—Governor Ferris has found two men, James Couzens of Detroit, and John Ketchum of Hastings, who will serve on a commission to investigate the proposed Lincoln highway as to what action Michigan should take in appropriating money to build what might be termed a "spur to the main line."

As soon as the governor finds a member from the Upper Peninsula to serve on the commission, he will call a meeting for Lansing, and plans will be made for the work. The commissioners will serve without pay.

SHORT STATE STORIES

Perry—Edward Kanouse was buried when a trench he was digging caved in. He was dug out in time to save his life, but found to have a broken hip.

Lansing—H. R. Pattengill, recent candidate for governor on the Progressive ticket, has filed his expense account at Mason. He spent \$184.03, according to the statement filed.

Some Michigan Scenery



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Detroit—Salaries corresponding with those paid employees of the roads will be given Pere Marquette clerks and agents, according to H. King, receiver of the road. Men are now presenting their case to the federal court, and it will be up to Judge Tuttle to decide the matter. The men claim they are not paid the rate given by other roads. It is believed that the court will act on the recommendation of Mr. King.

East Lansing—Wade Weston, a graduate of M. A. C., class of 1911, has been appointed by the state board of agriculture to assist in the work of promoting agriculture in the Upper Peninsula. He will serve as assistant to W. F. Raven, superintendent of extension work north of the straits.

Lapeer—Hog cholera, which has been threatening Lapeer farmers lately, has entered the farm of the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded here and killed 90 hogs. Dr. Harmon Wright of M. A. C. has been placed in charge of the situation.

Hillsdale—Sheriff Keas is without any clues to three local robberies. C. L. Albaugh's jewelry store was looted of about \$500 worth of valuables. Colson Bros.' candy store furnished \$4 from the cash register, and at W. C. Kemp's restaurant the thieves secured \$15 from the gas meter.

St. Joseph—After killing herself in Chicago by jumping into Lake Michigan, the body of Mrs. Hattie Hammer was swept across the lake and washed up on the Michigan shore at New Buffalo, south of here.

Saginaw—A desire to assist his father to husk corn with a shredder machine, cost Albert Fritz, 13 years old, of Sebewaing, his right hand. He attempted to right an ear turned edgewise, and his glove caught in the rolls.

Benton Harbor—Local club women have launched a "buy a pound of cotton" move in the interests of Belgians. It is planned to secure a large consignment of cotton in this way and ship it into Belgium for use in hospitals there. Cotton for surgical dressings is badly needed.

Cadillac—Henry Ross of Mesick, who has been in jail several weeks on the charge of beating his eight-months-old baby, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty in circuit court. He will be sentenced this week.

Petoskey—John Hobbins, of Grand Rapids, former business man here, and Miss Mabel McArthur of this city were married here in St. Francis church. Mr. Hobbins is a member of the Thompson Manufacturing company of Holland, Mich.

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